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Dear School Administrator:

We are pleased to announce that plans are underway for the administration of the Iowa Youth Survey 2002. We are seeking your participation in this important effort to gather data about students' behaviors and attitudes/beliefs about alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, violent and disruptive behavior, and the risk and protective factors that affect them.

In 1999, more than 85,000 6th, 8th, and 11th graders from 329 of Iowa's 375 school districts took the survey. The reports generated helped school districts identify needs and priorities, set goals and develop targeted programming as part of their Comprehensive School Improvement Plans. Communities were able to use the data in the same way to seek funding support for local programming.

The 2002 Iowa Youth Survey will permit a district to determine emerging trends and to assess the impact of programming on the identified needs of youth. Enclosed please find a flyer that will provide you with timelines and details for the 2002 administration of the survey and an "Agreement to Participate" for your signed commitment to have your district take part in the 2002 survey. Please fax the Agreement to the fax number indicated on the form by March 29, 2002. For updated information, watch the Department of Education's website at <http://www.state.ia.us/educate/>.

Sincerely,

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